

2015 Midwest Mongrels

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Wild Card Qualifier—2005, 2013

Williams Division Champion—2009, 2012, 2014

National Conference Champion—2009, 2014

TBL Champion--2009

Manager

Bench Coach

Pitching Coach

3B Coach

1B Coach

Bullpen Coach

Victor Martinez

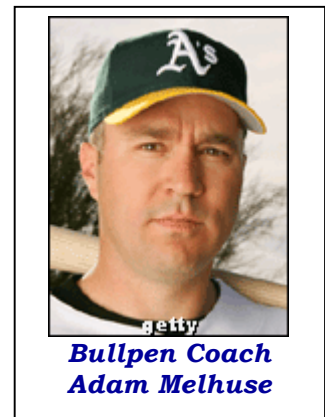
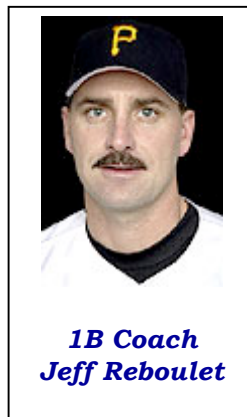
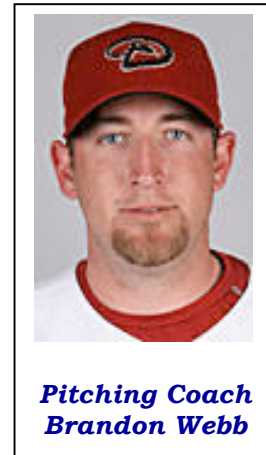
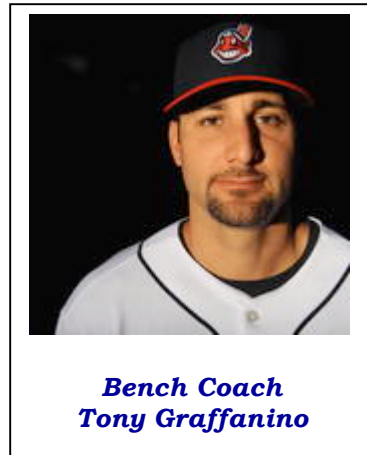
Tony Graffanino

Brandon Webb

Frankie Menechino

Jeff Reboulet

Adam Melhuse



MIDWEST MONGRELS 2015 Emergencies

Player	TM	B	BC-MG	BC-CG	SSN	SPD	ARM	PB	TH	G	PA	REM SBA
Mike Aviles	CLEV	R	0/-2	SA-1	29	14	33			113	374	19
Darwin Barney	LAD	R	+3/-3	SA-2	26	13	34			94	262	1
Endy Chavez	SEA	L	-16/+2	SA-5	28	17	34			80	258	7
Mark Ellis	StL	R	0/+2	SA-1	31	14	31			73	202	5
Eric Hosmer	KC	L	-3/0	SA-2	26	12	33			131	547	6
Reed Johnson	MIA	R	+5/-4	SA-3	14	11	32			113	201	1
Adam Jones	BAL	R	+9/-5	SA-4	34	16	33			159	682	8
Don Kelly	DET	L	-6/0	SA-3	33	15	32			95	185	7
Victor Martinez	DET	B	+4/-3	SA-0	24	4	30	3	-1	151	641	5
Rougned Odor	TEX	L	-5/0	SA-3	15	16	32			114	417	11
Josmil Pinto	MN	R	-2/-1	SA-0	14	5	34	0	-4	57	197	1
Trevor Plouffe	MN	R	+1/-2	SA-1	26	12	33			136	582	3
Rene Rivera	SD	R	+4/-4	SA-2	N	6	32	2	+3	103	329	0
Jimmy Rollins	PHIL	B	-3/-1	SA-0	32	15	35			138	609	34
Andrew Romine	DET	B	+8/-4	SA-0	33	18	33			94	273	12
Danny Santana	MN	B	-3/-1	SA-0	32	16	35			101	430	24
Jordan Schafer	MN	L	-11/+2	SA-5	31	15	33			104	240	37
Oscar Taveras	StL	L	-3/-1	SA-1	14	14	33			80	248	1
PITCHERS	TM	T	GRADE	CTL	HR	FAT	WP	HB	BK	MF	ST	RIP
Madison Bumgarner	SF	L	11X	31	-12	26	1			3	33	+4/-5
Phil Hughes	MN	R	7Y	53	21	27	1		0	0	32	
Ervin Santana	ATL	R	8Y	-11	14	28	3		0	2	31	
Alfredo Simon	CIN	R	10	15	-14	26	1		0	0	32	
J. Williams - <i>Inn RP</i>	PHIL	R	8/1*	11	-11	26/10	1		0	0	11	73
Jordan Zimmermann	WAS	R	11Y	36	24	25	1		0	2	32	
RELIEVERS	TM	T	GRADE	CTL	HR	FAT	WP	HB	BK	MF	ST	RIP
Bruce Chen-- <i>Inn</i>	KC	L	1	12	-16	30/13	0		0	1	21	74
Brian Duensing	MN	L	11*	-15	-12	6	3		0	2		54.3
Brandon Gomes	TB	R	12*	13	-25	7	3	0	0	0		34
Jason Grilli	LAA	R	9*X	-21	23	6	1		0	0		54
Jeremy Hellickson	TB	R	5Y	0	-14	24	3		0	1	13	63
Greg Holland	KC	R	23*KY	-22	35	6	3	0	0	1		62.3
Mike Morin	LAA	R	12*Y	23	35	6	3		0	0		59
Ricky Nolasco-- <i>Inn</i>	MN	R	1	23	-21	30	2		0	0	31	159
Joel Peralta	TB	R	8*XY	23	-23	6	2		0	0		63.3
Glen Perkins	MN	L	8*X	36	-13	6	3		0	2		61.7
Fernando Rodney	SEA	R	12*XY	-25	42	6	3		0	0		66.3
Chen, Hellickson, and Nolasco pitch from the pen when rostered, but they do not get the 5 point bump												
SP/RP totals											236	455

Cuts-- Carded— None

Uncarded—Henry Blanco, Jayson Nix, Xavier Paul, Ryan Roberts, Kyle Farnsworth,
Sean Marshall

Waiver Wire:

September Trade:

Monthly Player Roster

Up—on roster

D—in minors

MONTHLY ROSTER	APR	MAY	JUNE	JULY	AUG	SEPT	OCT	NOV
Mike Aviles	Up							
Darwin Barney	Up							
Endy Chavez	Up							
Mark Ellis	D							
Erik Hosmer	Up							
Reed Johnson	Up							
Adam Jones	Up							
Don Kelly	Up							
Victor Martinez	Up							
Rougned Odor	Up							
Josmil Pinto	Up							
Trevor Plouffe	Up							
Rene Rivera	Up							
Jimmy Rollins	D							
Andrew Romine	D							
Danny Santana	Up							
Jordan Schafer	Up							
Oscar Taveras	D							
<i>Batters on Roster</i>	14							All
<i>Pitchers on Roster</i>	11							All
Pitchers	APR	MAY	JUNE	JULY	AUG	SEPT	OCT	NOV
STARTERS								
M. Bumgarner	Up							Up
Phil Hughes	Up							Up
Ervin Santana	Up							Up
Alfredo Simon	Up							Up
J. Williams	D							Up
J. Zimmermann	Up							Up
RELIEVERS								
Bruce Chen	D							Up
Brian Duensing	SLH							Up
Brandon Gomes	D							Up
Jason Grilli	D							Up
Jeremy Hellickson	Up*L							Up
Greg Holland	C							Up
Mike Morin	Up							
Ricky Nolasco	D							Up
Joel Peralta	D							Up
Glen Perkins	Up							Up
Fernando Rodney	Up							Up
	C=Closer L=Long Man SLH=Situational Lefty, 1-2 batters per outing *Pitching in relief only, not starting Number = Maximum innings per series (if no numbers, rotate the innings for all the non-closing pitchers as evenly as you can)							

MIDWEST PITCHING ROTATION

April (19)

1-4	@TAY	1234X
6-8	LV	512X
10-12	KNX	345X
14-17	NBO	1234X
19-23 (24)	@STM	51234X

May (21)

1-5	@MAR	51234
6-9	@MUN	5123X
11-14	DET	4512
15-18	BRO	3451X
20-23	KAN	2345

June (19)

1-4	@LV	1234X
6-8	@KNX	512
9-11	TAY	345
12-16	ZIO	12345X
18-21	@HUD	1234

July (21)

1-5	MLR	51234
6-9	GOH	5123X
11-14	@GC	4512
15-18	@COL	3451
19-22 (23)	@WHT	2345X

August (20)

1-4	@WAR	1234
5-8	@BH	5123X
10-13	@MLR	4512
14-17	NW	3451
18-21 (22)	HOB	2345X

September (20)

3-5	@TAY	XX123
6-9	LV	4512
10-13	KNX	3451
14-17	MAR	2345X
19-23	@NBO	12345

October (22)

1-4	@RYE	1234X
5-9	@KAN	51234
10-14	HUD	51234
15-18	CAY	5123X
20-23	STM	4512

November (20)

2-6	MUN	X34512
7-10	@ZIO	3451
11-13	@LV	236X
15-18	@KNX	5123
19-22 (23)	TAY	4516X

1—Bumgarner (33)	5—Hughes (32)
2—Zimmermann (32)	6—Williams (2)
3—Simon (32)	
4—Santana (31)	

The Dawgs will play the board game this year as always. Please wait for instructions each month; I will send them by the first of the month

Vs LHP		Vs RHP	
Santana#	RF-1	Rollins	SS-9
Hosmer	1B-5	Chavez	RF-3
Jones	CF-3	Hosmer	1B-5
Martinez	DH	Martinez	DH
Plouffe	3B-4	Jones	CF-3
Rivera	C-7	Odor*	2B-6
Johnson	LF-2	Pinto	C-6
Barney	2B-8	Kelly	3B-5
Aviles^	SS-8	Schafer	LF-3

#Santana is replaced by Schafer in the top of the eighth if the Dawgs lead, or any other time later in the game when the Dawgs go ahead. *Ellis or Barney replaces Odor in the seventh if the Dawgs lead by any score. ^Rollins replaces Aviles in the 8th if the Dawgs lead by any score.

Midwest on Offense

Bunt: Yep, we still like it. Given a decline in power this year, you should bunt any time the leadoff batter is on 2B, unless the hitter is Martinez, Jones, or Plouffe. You can also bunt with no outs, score +/- 1-2 runs in the fifth inning or later.

Hit and Run: We will need to manufacture runs this season, so do this a bunch. Any two-31 hitter with a runner on first who has SBA can do so throughout the game. Especially consider doing this when the runners with double digit stolen base attempts are on base.

Stolen Base: Schaffer, Santana, and Rollins can steal in the 7th inning or later if the score is -1 run and getting one of these guys to 2B increases my ability to tie the game up. Otherwise, continue to hit and run.

Runner Advancement and Throws: Use the chart for advancing on the bases, and throw to bases as you would for your own team. I trust your judgment. Do not be afraid to be aggressive and possibly lose base runners; I like my runners to try for an extra base in a close game if their success rate is 41 or higher. *In computer play, don't advance if the runner is not well around the base, and do not take extra bases on balls to left field.*

Infield In: I never have good luck with this. So, limit this to the 8th inning or later, less than two outs, and Dawgs ahead by one to three runs.

Hold Runners/Stretch: Hold all runners at first as long as game is within four runs. If more than that, do not hold with LH batters at the plate. Always stretch with runners on base.

Everything else is your judgment. Play my team as you would yours. Within the restrictions listed above, play to win today's game.

Midwest Pitching

The Dawgs' starting staff is down a bit this year, although the 52 really bad starts of last year have disappeared. Madison Bumgarner drops to an 11 as staff ace. Jordan Zimmermann, Alfredo Simon, Ervin Santana, Phil Hughes and Jerome Williams get the job done nicely. Bruce Chen is around with a starting grade, as is Ricky Nolasco, but those two gents will reside in the pen in long relief for blow out games, if they see any action at all. Jeremy Hellickson could start, but he will serve in the bullpen early in games as my best choice there.

The bullpen has dropped off a large way this season and is the reason the Dawgs will not make it into the post-season.

Closer is Greg Holland (23 KY). He is good for one inning saves as the season starts.

Set up men in the 7th-8th innings are:

Now it gets ugly. Fernando Rodney, Brandon Gomes, Mike Morin, and Brian Duensing are 12, 11,12, 11. Yep, that's all. It gets worse. Next in line are Grilli, Peralta, and Perkins at 8s.

Lots of mixing and matching to get to Holland, and it won't be easy.

Early holds, 5th-6th innings:

Still ugly. How about Hellickson here.

Lefty specialist: Chen for exactly one batter at a time if he is up. If not, Duensing is the choice for a one to two out finish off the inning kind of stint.

Blowout: Nolasco and Chen, as well as Jerome Williams most of the season, making his two starts in November. Ouch.

That's it. Anything not covered, use your judgment. I will not be bearing down as much as last year, but this team looks good enough to me to be able to approach a .500 season, and you should use players as needed to try to win a game on any given day. I never protest and just ask you to play to win today for me. If you have a hunch, play it—I will not second guess your decisions. Best of luck to you all!

Darrell